

2020 Update: Coast Smart Program Document

COAST SMART COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 11, 2020

WHY?

2014 Legislation: Chapter 415 (HB614)

- Established Coast Smart Council; Council required to develop Coast Smart Siting and Design Criteria

2015 Coast Smart Construction Program adopted by Council

- Detailed siting and design criteria; Categorical exception; Waiver process

2018 Legislation: Chapters 628 and 629 (SB 1006 / HB 1350)

- Highway facilities; Structures withstand Category 2 storm surge; Saltwater intrusion adaption plan; State funds for mitigation; Nuisance flooding plan

2018 Revised Coast Smart Construction Program adopted by Council

- Updated Appendix A: Coast Smart Assessment and Certificate

2019 Legislation: Chapter 442 (HB 1427)

- Clarified applicability (i.e., capital projects); extended deadlines for revised Siting and Design Criteria to July 1, 2020

WHO?

Small workgroup

- DNR, CAC, MDE, MDOT, OAG/DNR

7 meetings over 2 months

WHAT?

GOALS:

- Bring Program Document in-line with Coast Smart statute
- Comprehensive update to the Coast Smart Program Document
- By July 1, 2020

Current Program Document:

- [https://dnr.maryland.gov/climateresilience/Documents/CoastSmart-Construction-Program Summary 2018.pdf](https://dnr.maryland.gov/climateresilience/Documents/CoastSmart-Construction-Program%20Summary%202018.pdf)

DETAILS

- Expanded the scope: Include local capital projects (not only State capital projects)
- Expanded the scope: Include highway facilities (not only structures)
- Revised applicability: State and local capital projects that include the construction or reconstruction of a structure and the construction of a highway facility for which at least 50 percent of the project costs are funded by State funds and which costs at least \$500,000
- Clarified the mapping boundary within which the Siting and Design Criteria apply (i.e., development of the Coast Smart Climate Ready Action Boundary (CS-CRAB))
- Developed Siting and Design Criteria applicable to highway facilities
- General updates where necessary (i.e., cites to other programs/documents)

DETAILS – CONT'D

Kept same structure throughout main document

- Introduction
- Applicability
- Siting & Design Criteria for State & Local Capital Projects That Include the Construction or Reconstruction of a Structure
- *Siting & Design Criteria for State & Local Capital Projects That Include the Construction of Highway Facilities (all new)*
- Categorical Exemptions (not Exceptions)
- Coast Smart Criteria Waivers
- Reporting
- Criteria Incorporation
- Annual Report

DETAILS – CONT'D

Rearranged Appendices

- Appendix A: Project Screening Form (Eliminated duplicative questions)
- Appendix B: Waiver Process
- Appendix C: Legislative Overview (All new)
- Appendix D: Glossary of Terms (Separate from Project Screening Form)

Eliminated Certificate

NEXT STEPS

Currently: Finalize internal review

May 22, 2020: Send Revised Program Document to Council for 2-week review and comment period

June 5, 2020: Receive comments on revised Program Document

Week of June 8, 2020: CS Council meet for discussion and vote on revised Program Document

June 12, 2020: Submit Program Document to State House for review and approval

July 1, 2020: Legislative deadline for revised program

July – October:

- Develop FAQ; process diagram; summary of changes document
- Public dissemination of updated documents, siting and design criteria, mapping product;
- Proposal to host series of technical assistant sessions for updated Program Document in local jurisdictions

QUESTIONS?

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